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SELMA'S WEEKLY NEWS NOTES.

Man Starts to Raleigh, Is Stricken Suddenly Ill and Soon Dies. The Bond Election is Carried by Majority of 51. Associated Charities Meet. Shall the Cemetery Be Given More Attention? Death of Mr. Raiford Brown. Other Locals and Interesting News Items.

Selma, Sept. 20.—Mr. W. B. Roberts made a business trip to Wilson today.

Mayor J. P. Temple and Mr. J. M. Oneal went to Clayton Monday on business.

Mr. Kayton Hamilton, who has been spending his vacation with relatives here, returned Sunday to Randolph-Macon Academy at Bedford, Va.

Miss Elizabeth Perdue, of Latta, S. C., is spending this week with Miss Annie Hood.

Miss Maggie Hood left Monday for Lowell, N. C., where she goes to accept a position in the Graded School.

The Selma Millinery Company and Lee Henry Company, Selma's two progressive millinery stores, are having their fall openings today, and quite a crowd of ladies are in evidence on the streets.

Mrs. Raiford Brown died at her home five miles north of Selma last night after several days illness. The burial services will be held this afternoon at the Garner grave yard near her home.

Prof. S. T. Liles, of Brown's Summit, was here for a few hours Wednesday. We understand that Prof. Liles expects to buy a farm in this section and move here.

Attorney R. L. Ray went to Wake Forest Wednesday on business, returning Wednesday night.

Mr. J. E. Parker, of City Point, Va., is home to spend the week with relatives.

The special election held in Selma Graded School District last Tuesday for the purpose of voting bonds to pay off floating indebtedness was carried in favor of the bonds by a majority of 51. The vote for bonds was 97, and against bonds 46.

Conductor William Ramsey, who for the past few weeks had been serving as flagman on the work train near Selma, in company with several other railroad employes, left last night about seven o'clock on railroad motor car for Raleigh to attend "Stop, Look and Listen" at the Academy of Music. About the time they reached the 100 mile siding at Powhatan, Mr. Ramsey complained of being sick, and told the other boys "to look out for 22," that being the east bound passenger train due about that time. The motor car was run on to the siding and stopped and Mr. Ramsey was found to be seriously ill. No. 22, which came on in a short time was flagged, and Mr. Ramsey put on the train and brought to Selma where he died shortly after his arrival. The remains were sent to Salisbury this morning on train No. 21 for burial. Mr. Ramsey leaves a wife and one child. Physicians diagnosed the case as heart disease.

The regular meeting of the Local Board Associated Charities was held last Monday night in the graded school building. The meeting was presided over by the President, Mr. Geo. F. Breitz. The only matter of other than routine business, was the resignation of Miss Mary Hyman as Secretary, who resigned on account of having left town. Mr. C. W. Stallings was elected to fill the vacancy. Superintendent E. H. Moser was accepted as a new member and made a very interesting address. On account of the extreme high prices of the necessities of life, the Associated Charities are expecting a great many more calls for help during the coming winter than have ever before been made here. The next regular meeting will be held in the school building Tuesday night, October 2nd, at which they expect to map out the plan of activities for the coming winter. They desire the help and co-operation of the whole people of the town, and it is hoped that the people take more interest in this work than formerly and lend every aid to this organization upon whose shoulders falls the burden of protecting and caring for our helpless poor.

Every time we pass Selma's cemetery, we wonder if the people of Selma as a whole realize the condition that it is in. Grown up in weeds and grass and apparently without any attention at all. Why can't our folks get together and arrange some plan to have it cleaned out? We are due our buried

dead this much consideration, and the writer will be glad to subscribe to a fund to do this. Who else will?

Superintendent E. H. Moser addressed a joint meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church and the Upworth League of the Methodist church last Sunday night at the Methodist church. The meeting was presided over by Mr. M. R. Wall, and in addition to the masterly address of Supt. Moser, was a solo by Miss Folger who is director of music in the Selma schools. The meeting proved a very interesting and enjoyable event and will do much towards strengthening the bonds of love and friendship between these two live organizations.

Shep Faulk and Henry Jackson were up today before W. L. Stencil, J. P., for removing clothes from the Selma Pressing Club, that did not belong to them. Faulk acknowledged the theft and was turned over to the Recorder's Court, Jackson was released upon the confession of Faulk.

Quite a number of young men went to Raleigh last night to see the show, "Stop, Look and Listen" at the Academy. Among them we note, Messrs. M. R. Wall, Junius Peedin, C. P. Harper, W. B. Perkins and others.

Mr. Geo. W. Evas, the popular Cashier of the First National Bank, made a social visit to the Capital City last night, and attended the show at the Academy.

THE NEWS UP CLAYTON WAY.

Several of Our Young Men Expected to Leave This Week in Response to the Call of Their Country. Local and Personal Items of Interest.

Clayton, Sept. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Godwin spent last Sunday with relatives at Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller T. White left last Saturday for their new home at Goldsboro. Writing back to friends, they give a very interesting account of the floods in and near Goldsboro. They made the trip on their Dodge and found many difficulties in getting there, but at last reached home safe. For the past several years they have made their home here and both have many friends who regret seriously to see them leave.

Mrs. Hugh A. Page returned this week from Sanford, where she has been for several weeks visiting her mother.

Mr. G. T. Smith, of Lillington, spent Sunday here, returning Monday morning, accompanied by his wife and little son who for the past few days have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gulley.

Miss Sulton McCullers left last week for Staunton, Va., to enter Mary Baldwin Seminary.

Mr. Paul Gulley, who is in school at Wake Forest, passed through here last Saturday enroute to Nashville to see his people.

Mrs. O. R. Hute, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. E. L. Gulley, of Portsmouth, Va., are visiting at the home of Mr. D. H. Williams.

Mrs. W. A. Jones spent Tuesday morning in Raleigh.

Miss Verona Cable is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Stallings, in the Eastern part of the State.

Mrs. Bennette Nooe, Jr. is spending some time in Columbia, S. C., with her husband, Lieutenant Bennette Nooe, Jr., of the United States Army.

Mrs. R. T. Priddy, of Keysville, Va., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Carter.

People from here and elsewhere have largely attended the big sale at Horne's Store, which began last Friday morning. Wonderful bargains are to be found there and the stock is being sold as fast as people can buy.

Mr. A. V. Gulley, of Smithfield, was in town a few hours last Saturday afternoon.

Among the young men who expect to leave here this week under the Government call are Messrs. Garland Wall, Leamon and Luther Barbes, Herman Duncan, Turner Vinson, Roy Gulley, Jesmond Duncan, David Johnson, Glenn Pope and many others in the surrounding country.

Miss Julie Austin left Monday morning for Richmond to again take up training at Memorial Hospital.

Mr. J. W. Massey spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ellington, of Smithfield, spent Monday here.

Mr. C. W. Lindsay, of Lillington, spent Sunday here.

Mr. A. D. Taylor, of Leachburg, was here visiting friends Tuesday.

NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Organization Perfected With About Sixty Members Enrolled. W. W. Cole President and R. N. Aycock Secretary-Treasurer. H. L. Skinner, T. J. Lassiter, F. H. Brooks and W. M. Sanders Vice-Presidents.

On Friday night, September 6, several citizens of the town of Smithfield met in the Court House for the purpose of reviving the Chamber of Commerce. After a free discussion of the desirability and worth of such an organization, a committee was appointed to consider plans and make suggestions to a meeting to be held Thursday night, September 13th. This committee, composed of Sam T. Honeycutt, N. B. Grantham, H. C. Hood, N. M. Lawrence and T. J. Lassiter, made their report which was adopted, and an organization was formed with W. W. Cole, President; H. L. Skinner, Vice-President, and R. N. Aycock, Secretary-Treasurer.

The officers thus chosen were empowered to appoint an advisory committee of five with instructions to formulate plans for the governing of the body and report at a subsequent meeting and submit them for adoption. Before adjournment the meeting was set for Tuesday night, September 18th.

The committee appointed—F. K. Broadhurst, E. J. Wellons, J. D. Spiers, Chas. I. Pierce and T. J. Lassiter—met with the officers on Monday night, the 17th, and drew up the Constitution and By-Laws.

The meeting held Tuesday night was called to order by the President, W. W. Cole. A goodly number of the members were present to hear the rules read. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer showed a membership of fifty-nine.

The Constitution and By-Laws was then taken up and read and adopted, section by section, after which the body elected from its members the following vice-presidents:

First Vice-President—H. L. Skinner, who was elected as Vice-President at a previous meeting.

Second Vice-President—T. J. Lassiter.

Third Vice-President—F. H. Brooks.

Fourth Vice-President—W. M. Sanders.

The election of a Board of Directors was then taken up and resulted as follows:

N. B. Grantham, F. K. Broadhurst, S. C. Turnage, J. H. Abell and E. J. Wellons.

Each vice-president is to be chairman of a committee of three and these, together with the officers and board of directors are to meet on Tuesday night after the second Monday in each month at an hour and place to be fixed by the president.

The earnestness with which the citizens have gone about this organization shows that we may expect a live Chamber of Commerce for the town—one that will bring things to pass.

NOTE.—The Constitution and By-Laws will be published in Tuesday's paper.

THE NEWS IN KENLY.

Kenly, Sept. 18.—On last Thursday afternoon the Priscilla Club was beautifully entertained by Mrs. L. Z. Woodard at her home on Maxwellton Heights. The reception hall and parlor were artistically decorated with pink and white roses. After an hour's handiwork, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Claud Darden, served a delicious salad course, followed by pink and white ice-cream with cake to match. The majority of the members were present to enjoy Mrs. Woodard's hospitality. The only invited guest was Mrs. Foster. The club is supposed to meet with Mrs. Turner Bailey next Thursday.

A delightful event given last Monday evening was a delicious supper for our drafted men. The ladies of the Red Cross Society had charge of the supper. The hall and tables were decorated in red, white and blue. During the supper the Victrola played our National music. Misses Fay Barnes, Marie Kirby, Gladys Jerome and Agnes Hales, wearing suits of white with the "Red Cross" prominent on their shirt-waists, acted as waitresses.

Mr. Will Tomlinson, of Garner, was here Monday on business.

Mr. D. W. Adams and family, of Four Oaks, spent one day this week here.

Miss Rosalie Pope spent Monday in Raleigh.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Child in Serious Condition From Eating Box Lye. The Death of An Aged Woman in Elevation Township. Child Falls and Breaks Collar Bone. Marriage in Elevation. Parrish Hotel Opens for Business. Other Local and Personal Items.

Benson, Sept. 20.—Rev. J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder of the Raleigh District, M. E. Church, will be here Saturday afternoon and hold the Quarterly Conference at the Methodist church. He will also preach at eleven o'clock Sunday morning at the Benson church.

Master Deleon Britt, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt had the misfortune to fall and break his collar bone Saturday afternoon while playing at his home. He is improving however and will soon be out again.

Messrs. J. M. Barbour and G. W. Barbour, of Elevation township, were here Monday on business.

Elder L. H. Hardy will preach at the home of Mr. R. C. Barbour in Elevation township on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, September 27th. He will preach at Rehoboth Thursday morning of the 27th, and at Benson at 8 o'clock in the evening of the same day.

Miss Lillie Beasley, daughter of Mr. Riley Beasley, of Elevation township, was married Monday afternoon to Mr. John B. Ryals, also of Elevation.

The Parrish Hotel which opened here last week, is one of the most up-to-date hotels in our part of the State. Since the opening traveling men have been stopping here and they say that the hotel is one of the most modern hotels to be found in the State. It is furnished with hot and cold water, and private baths and all modern conveniences.

According to rumors two young Bensonians are soon to be joined in matrimony. The contracting parties are both prominent young people and will make Benson their future home.

Miss Lucy Hawkins Lassiter died at her home in Elevation township last Monday afternoon and was buried Tuesday afternoon at the family burying ground near by. She had just passed her 81st birthday and had never been married. She had been suffering for several months with a complication of diseases and her death was not unexpected. She was one of a family of eight children, all of whom have preceded her to the grave with the exception of one sister, Miss Eleanor Lassiter, with whom the deceased lived. Although she had never united with any church, she was a Godly woman and had lived a life that was filled with kindness and good deeds rendered in the service of those by whom she was surrounded. She was always cheerful and though badly afflicted, she bore her suffering with great patience and fortitude. She leaves a large number of relatives, besides her sister, who mourn her death.

The Bond election in Meadow township for the purpose of issuing bonds for the construction of the Central Carolina Railroad was carried by a good majority last Monday. It looks now like the road will be built if the voting of bonds by the townships through which the road is to go is an index to the situation.

Mr. P. A. Canaday, of Manchester, was a visitor to our city Sunday spending the day with relatives.

Miss Mildred Parrish left Monday for Winston-Salem where she will attend college again this year.

Mr. Ransom Holt, of Princeton, was a visitor to our city yesterday on business.

Miss McNeill, of Lillington, has accepted a position with the Weekly Review of our city.

Mr. Henry Coats left today for Richmond where he enters Massey's Business College.

Mr. S. A. Lassiter, of Elevation township, was in town yesterday on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Harvey Ryals.

Mr. Leary Moore, brother of our townsman George F. Moore, has enlisted in the United States Navy at Norfolk, Va.

Mr. J. C. Canaday, of Fuquay Springs, was in the city yesterday for a while on a visit to his brothers, Eugene Canaday and Claud Canaday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hodges, of Loris, S. C., returned to their home Wednesday afternoon after spending a few days here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hodges.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. P.

Reaves last Friday morning a girl baby.

Mr. V. C. Brown, of Rocky Mount, was here yesterday on business connected with the building of the Methodist church.

Mr. T. R. Barbour, of Four Oaks, and Mr. M. C. Barbour, of Elevation, were visitors to Benson Monday.

Messrs. E. S. Abell and W. F. Grimes, of Smithfield, were in the city Monday on business matters.

Misses Julia Canaday and Minnie Somers, of the school faculty, went down to Dunn Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Jesse Ryals, of Rocky Mount, was a visitor to the home of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Ryals, Monday.

Mr. Clarence Britt, of Newton Grove, was here this week for a day or two with relatives.

Mr. J. M. Langdon, of Pleasant Grove township, was here yesterday on business matters. He reports cotton very short in his neighborhood.

Miss Mattie Thayer, of Raleigh, has accepted a position with Parrish-Godwin Company as bookkeeper.

The two-year-old child of Nias Harper who lives a few miles north of here, got a box of lye yesterday and ate quite an amount of it. The child was brought here for medical attention which was given by physicians. The child had swallowed some of the lye and its condition was very serious. It is hoped that it will recover but is very doubtful.

A FALSE IMPRESSION MADE.

Untrue Reports Circulated About the Government and Canned Goods. Fine Record Made by Johnston's People in Canning.

There seems to be circulated over the country a statement to the effect that the Government expects to take the food supplies from families who have an abundance. Both the Food Administration and the Department of Agriculture join in a statement to counteract what seems to be a deliberate propaganda to the effect that the Government intends to take from every family all the canned goods put up in excess of 100 quarts.

There is another statement that the Government has been urging canning, drying, and preserving of fruits and vegetables so that they will be convenient for the Government to handle. In one instance a motorist stopped at a farm home to fill the radiator of his machine. In the course of his conversation he casually inquired whether the farmer's family was canning all the surplus fruits and vegetables in order to help conserve the food supply. He was informed that the farmer was not doing this because the Government intended to take all the canned goods away except a small part of it actually needed by the family itself.

The authorities state emphatically that no such course has ever been contemplated by the Government. On the contrary, both the Department of Agriculture and the Food Administration are strongly urging housewives to can and preserve, especially at this time, all surplus fruits and vegetables in order that the households themselves may have a cheap and plentiful supply of food.

We are proud of the work accomplished by the loyal women and girls of Johnston County this season. We are anxious to get the reports from each section of the county so that we may have an idea how much has been saved. The blanks are being mailed from the office each day. If by chance any one should miss getting a blank we will appreciate it if each one will do her "bit" by sending in a report of the number of cans of fruits and vegetables in glass and tin and if they have any for sale we shall be glad to help find a market for the products at standard prices.

NELL PICKENS.

Meeting at the Baptist Church.

The series of meetings which will begin at the Baptist church Sunday morning will be conducted by the pastor, aided by Rev. John A. Wray, of Monroe. Dr. Wray is expected to arrive Monday and will be here for ten days. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. All the members of the several churches of the town are earnestly urged to join in and help in the music. A meeting of the singers is appointed for three o'clock Sunday afternoon, September 23rd. It is hoped that a large number will be present to organize for better music.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BOON HILL.

Mr. Albert Pearce Gets Leg Broken by Falling Tree and Lay in Woods Considerable Time Unaided. Man Arrested for Giving Out Whiskey Circulars. Other Items of Interest.

Princeton, Sept. 19.—Mr. R. H. Wells, of the Ambulance Corps, U. S. A., at Norfolk, was at home for a day or so visiting relatives and friends last week.

Mr. Albert Pearce had the misfortune to break his leg a few days ago. He cut a tree and when it fell, struck another tree and bounced back falling across his legs, breaking one of them. He was in the woods by himself and had to remain in his painful position some time before he could attract the attention of any one to come to his assistance.

Mrs. A. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed. A. Holt.

Mrs. Mattie Mason has returned home, after visiting friends in Goldsboro last week. She was among those detained in Goldsboro by the high water.

A man giving his name as A. W. Marshall, was in town a few days ago giving out whiskey orders and envelopes. Our town authorities considered this was a violation of our Prohibition Laws. A warrant was issued against the man, and he was placed under bond for his appearance before Judge Brooks. We are anxiously awaiting the result of said trial, to see if a man can come along from Baltimore and annul our whole State Prohibition Law.

TUESDAY IN THE GREAT WAR.

Associated Press Summary of Happenings of Great Import.

Russia, having recovered in a great measure from the effects of recent internal difficulties, is preparing to make a firmer stand against the common enemy. It is announced that the leadership of the Russian armies has been re-organized and that the fruition of reformatory plans in the armies themselves is expected shortly. Premier Kerensky and the war and marine ministers in his cabinet have gone to Mohilev, Russian great headquarters, to confer with the military leaders. They also will see General Korniloff and his leading aides in the recent revolt.

Whether Korniloff, the leader of the summer offensive in Galicia this year, is to suffer the supreme penalty for his act probably will depend upon the result of the conferences at Mohilev.

The Russian northern army, which has made some progress toward driving the German back to the Dvina line in the Riga region, on Sunday occupied several German positions between Pskoff and Riga. On Monday they captured Teuton defenses northeast of Friedrichtsdorf, south of Riga. In its official report, Berlin makes no mention of activity in this region.

General Stecherbathoff, commander on the Rumanian front, has carried out successfully an offensive movement in the Suchitza valley, northwest of Fokshani. A section of the fortified Austro-German defenses near Varnitza were occupied by the Rumanian. German attack in the Puzia region, to the southeastward, were repulsed.

Raiders continue on the northern end of the western front, with both the British and Germans as the aggressors. Berlin, however, mentions no infantry activity on the front of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria.

The artillery and aerial activity on the western front remains intense. From Nieupoort to near Arras and especially in the Ypres sector, the opposing guns are showing increased activity.

In two efforts against French positions on the Aisne front the German crown prince again has met with failure. Near the Miette river on the Neufchatel road, the Germans reached the French advance lines, only to be thrown out again. In the Champagne and on the right bank of the Meuse the artillery fire has been more spirited.

The Italians are still withstanding successfully Austro-Hungarian efforts on the southeastern edge of the Bainsizza plateau, while the big guns are hurling their monster shells over the battle-torn area of the Carco plateau.

Mr. Lester Walman, of Goldsboro, is in the city for a short while.